

## TOM PAINE'S GRAVE.

His Monument Was Once Bespattered With Mud, But It Was Never Egged.

In 1839 a straight shaft of granite was erected in Westchester county to mark the final resting place of Tom Paine, the atheist and patriot, who was buried on the farm, near New Rochelle, where he had passed the latter years of his life. This monument, says the New York *Herald*, was in time much defaced by vandals and relic hunters. Two years ago it was taken down, the broken corners rounded, the scars effaced and the inscriptions recut. On May 30, 1881, it was rededicated. Since then rumor has stated that it has been again defaced, but a visit to the spot yesterday showed that this is untrue.

The monument stands on the right hand side of the road after leaving New Rochelle in the center of a plot of ground twenty feet square, protected on the sides and back by stone walls, three feet high, and on the road front by an iron railing. It is in excellent order. The plot on which the shaft was erected is surrounded by the property of the Lester family. In the handsome house, a hundred yards further up the road, Mr. Simon Lester lives. He was originally a farmer, but has long since retired from active work. He is now eighty-seven years of age, although his ruddy cheeks, dark hair, scarcely touched with gray, and firm step would make him look not over sixty-five. He said yesterday to a reporter: "I came here to reside in 1825, and from then on heard many remarkable stories of Paine from those who had known him intimately. After awhile I became an elder in the Presbyterian church here. For this reason, I suppose, Mr. Paine's admirers, who knew that he was buried near my property, have accused me of being instrumental in the past vandalism. This is not true."

"I seldom speak of Paine, for the man is dead, and I let his memory rest. But for many years past I have been beset by denunciatory letters from all parts of the country. I have even received letters from England of the same tenor."

The truth is that it was I who cleared off the brush which had overgrown the plot, and with my own hands drove four stakes in the ground, twenty feet east of the monument which marks the exact spot where lies Tom Paine's ashes. The story that the monument had been egged recently is untrue. I have passed the spot several times a day all my life, and never saw an egg mark on it. The only time it was defaced in my memory was about ten years ago, then some mischievous boys bespattered it with mud. As soon as we heard of this my wife took two servants with her and had the stone scrubbed clean."

## Slandering the Ladies.

(St. Louis Republican)

"There are women who come to this store regularly almost every week and look over our stock, ask questions and bother us to death, never buy anything, but they take up our time more than paying customers. There are women who come in here looking for things we never had in stock in the world, which they are perfectly, positively sure they saw on our counter the day before. There are women who come back looking for parcels or purses which no argument under heaven could convince them that they hadn't left lying on my counter five minutes ago; they are so sure of it that they can point out the exact spot where they deposited them a short time ago, and they look and act as if they thought if they could only get in behind the counter they would find the missing article secreted among the boxes. The only thing for us to do under this complication of evils is to cultivate a hypocritical surveillance, a bland air and a serene countenance."

Now, the other night I was waiting on some ladies, when a red-faced and raw-looking female pranced in and called out: "Young man, I want to get a train. Can't you wait on me at once?" Well, I left off to wait on her.

"I want one of them thirty-one-cent tickets with the plain figure I saw in here the other day."

"I guess you didn't see them here, madam; we haven't got them in stock."

"Hain't I s'pose I don't know what I'm talking about. I saw them here, I'm very sure. Can't you look and see? I want to catch my train to the Eastern depot."

"But we haven't any such of that description in stock, madam."

"Well, but you don't know. You haven't looked. How much are those in that box?"

"Different prices. That one you have there is \$1.50."

"Well, but haven't you got any for thirty-seven cents?"

"I have already told you four times, madam, that I haven't." And if you'll believe it, that woman broke down, began to cry, and said: "This is the first time I've been insulted to-day." If she hadn't wanted to catch her train she would have complained of me to the manager, I suppose.

Not a very long time ago in one of our dry goods stores there was a young fellow waiting on customers, working hard, standing on his feet all day, getting no thanks and having altogether a deuced hard time of it. One night about time for closing up, one of these elderly, angular females I speak of got hold of him. She was looking for a piece of goods and couldn't find what she wanted. He knew she couldn't find what she wanted and wouldn't find what she wanted under any consideration before he had been showing her the stock for five minutes. But she hung on and persisted in looking at everything. It was dark; everybody was going home or gone; the store was all shut up, and still she wouldn't go.

"Well," he says, "madam, don't think I can suit you, anyway."

"Well, you're here to wait on folks, ain't you?" she says.

"Oh, yes," he says, sarcastically, "that's what I'm here for. I'll wait on you all night if you say so."

"Can't you show me a remnant of that material?" she says.

"Oh, yes," he says, "I can, but it's not what you want, I know."

"How do you know it's not what I want?" Perhaps I am a better judge of what I want than you are. Perhaps I am."

"He got out the remnant and un-

wound it from the board. She looked at it and felt of it and shook her head. "No, I don't like that at all."

That was more than the fellow could stand. He caught up the board and hit her a clip over the head with it.

"Well, how do you like that?" he says. Then of course there was the desire to pay. The elderly, angular female went off in high dudgeon; and the next morning complained at headquarters of what she called the outrageous conduct of the salesman. But when the manager came to hear his side of the story, he said he thought he should have done the same under the same circumstances, and sent him back to his desk.

## Hotel Arrivals.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL.

W. G. Carew, Moline, Ill.; D. J. Thornton, Dallas; J. R. Farmer, Evans; H. Block, L. Hudson, Stephens Co.; Mrs. G. A. Watts, Groesbeck; D. M. Butler and family, Palestine; Gerk Bisen, Philadelphia; L. Hazzard, Kansas City; M. Levy, St. Louis; J. R. Nelson, Missouri Pacific; R. B. Smith Texas; H. Pierce, St. Louis; Mo. Johnnie B. Boreum, Gates, Tenn.; J. M. Carlin, Louisville, Ky.; Q. J. Pauky, Louisville, Ky.; J. E. McCloud, Holden, Mo.; Wm. Moss, Grayson county; J. E. London, city; M. Remott, Waco; J. T. Moore, Tex.; J. S. Mayfield, Wichita Falls; Frank Houston, Jerome Houston, Terrell; Able James, Willwood; O. L. Rochell, Mills Point; J. S. Brigman, Mills Point; J. T. Smith, Jefferson; E. T. Smith, Bowie; W. T. Boyd, Texas; H. R. Rodgers, Dallas; Mrs. Ida Patterson, Shreveport, La.; S. S. Tilden, Shreveport, La.; L. J. Storp, Graham; J. C. Cureton, Irredell; S. A. Marney, "Live Stock Journal"; H. W. Graham, Wichita Falls; C. Q. Smith, Marysville, Missouri; Geo. C. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo.; S. Hightower, Abilene; H. L. Edwards, Henrietta; H. B. Yerger, Conroy; J. T. Utterback, St. Louis; Jos. Kelly, R. P. Wells, M. B. Plemons, A. L. Rutler, L. Davidson, J. L. O'Bryan and wife, Henrietta; A. G. Sull, Jr., Montague.

C. C. Coffee, Memphis, Tennessee; A. R. Law, Denison; W. O. Campbell, Jos. H. Peter, wife, Wichita Falls; J. H. Morton, Louisville; Mrs. M. E. Gowat and Miss F. E. Gowat, Henrietta; Y. A. Kramer, city; W. G. Alexander and family; J. A. Howell, Bowie, Texas; L. P. Case, city; P. D. Elba, Kansas City, Mo.; Israel Hinds, Newhope, Mo.; John Cannon, Newhope, Mo.; M. Levy, St. Louis; R. L. Briggs, Galveston; J. E. Landen, city; J. Myhill, Sweet Springs; M. Lynch, Dodge; D. W. Lynch, Dodge; J. Marr and wife, Lampasas; L. A. Hester, Belton; W. C. Scott, Belton; G. W. Woodruff, Mo., Pacific railroad; J. C. Carpenter, S. R. Allen, Decatur; F. E. Blissel, Mo., Pacific railroad; W. H. Sparrow, Parsons, Kans.; Tutt Garnett, Henry Garnett, Conur Garnett, A. P. Garnett, Palmyra, Nebraska; S. Lyon, Mrs. E. Lyon, Wichita Falls; W. F. Cummings, Dallas; W. H. Nyce, city; A. Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio; F. F. Brown, Missouri Pacific railroad; J. A. Russ, Texarkana; C. C. Fitzgerald, Sweetwater; C. S. Marshall, Kentucky; Mrs. D. Morgan, Leavenworth, Kansas; Chas. Mason, Waco.

MANSION HOTEL.

E. O. Lively, Bridgeport; Robt. R. Grange, Bridgeport, Wis.; T. S. Walker, M. D., Dallas; John P. Heard, San Antonio; R. H. Simmonds, M. D., Cleburne; J. M. Henderson, City; V. W. Dodd, Bowie, Tex.; Wm. Carroll, Pine Bluff; S. Benson, Alvarado; Frank Sharp, City; D. B. Graham, Dickens Co.; F. Ford, Denison; Tole Shaw, Cleburne; Mrs. Bell and daughter, Tex.; E. C. Finch, Galveston; F. S. Bouleau, city; Geo. Goodsfield, Colorado City; Jas. McMullin, K. C. Slim Slaughter, Kentucky; R. O. New Mansfield; C. Q. Smith, Maryville; Geo. C. Smith, St. Louis; George Bridges and wife, Sherman; S. H. Bibb, city; J. B. Parker, St. Joe, Mo.; C. P. Cook, Illinois; H. C. Stewart, Illinois; Daniel Head, Denton; L. Hush, Dallas; T. B. Crump, Hopkins county; W. W. Ralph and wife, Hopkins; Wm. A. Rely, Homer, La.; E. O. L. Edmon, St. Louis; C. D. Griggs, W. U. T. Co.; S. O. Kallier, W. A. Hadden, Sherman; A. Parrott, Gainesville; J. F. Tremble, Sherman; J. Gervy, Gainesville; Augustus Koch, Kansas City; Wyatt Lipout, Caeverson; A. Rouse, Sherman; S. Rouse, Sherman; T. B. Pope, Alvarado; Frank Shoup, city; W. H. B. Satterwhite, Tenn.; W. A. Stewart, W. H. Garrett, Nashville, Tenn.; James Cappel, Evergreen, Louisiana; W. L. P. Leigh, Jefferson, Texas; T. P. Whitney, G. F. & S. Fe; Peter G. Rucker, Belton; J. R. Wilson, Cleburne; Miss Polite Robinson, Cleburne; J. McCowen, Cleburne; S. M. Wilson, M. D., Keller.

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